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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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EXAMINING GROUP 2164**

PATENT

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In re application of:

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 13, 2006 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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